

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~Method~~ for handling user equipment in a communications network comprising at least a first access network and a second access network for enabling a user equipment to access said communications network, wherein the access networks have at least a partially overlapping service area, and wherein the user equipment located in a partially overlapping service area can be transferred from the first to the second access network, said method comprising the following steps:

receiving ~~(102)~~ an indication of a request for transferring at least one user equipment from said first access network to said second access network ,  
checking ~~(104)~~ a transfer permission parameter value associated to a user equipment,  
determining ~~(105)~~ that the transfer permission parameter value indicates that a transfer of the associated user equipment is permitted,  
determining ~~(106)~~ that the transfer permission parameter value indicates that the user equipment belongs to a group of user equipment, for which a preferred access network has been defined, and  
initiating, ~~(107)~~ based on the determination, the transfer of the user equipment from the first to the second access network.

2. (Currently Amended) The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein an access network operates according to the standards defined for of one of a Global System for Mobile Communications, Wideband Code Division Multiple Access, Code Division Multiple Access, and Enhanced Data Rates for Global System for Mobile Communications Evolution.

3. (Currently Amended)      The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the group of user equipment for which a preferred access network has been defined comprises ~~of~~ user equipment with service capabilities limited to services which ~~that~~ correspond to services supported by the second network.

4. (Currently Amended)      The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1 ~~, 2 or 3~~, wherein the group of user equipment for which a preferred access network has been defined comprises ~~of~~ user equipment ~~used~~ associated to a subscription having with permitted services that are limited to services which ~~that~~ correspond to services supported by the second network.

5. (Currently Amended)      The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the group of user equipment for which a preferred access network has been defined comprises ~~of~~ user equipment ~~used~~ associated to a subscription for which ~~that~~ services are permitted that are not supported by the first network.

6. (Currently Amended)      The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, ~~2 or 5~~, wherein the group of user equipment for which a preferred access network has been defined comprises ~~of~~ user equipment with service capabilities corresponding to services that are not supported by the first network.

7. (Currently Amended)      A device ~~Device (DEV2)~~ for selecting user equipment to be transferred from a first access network to a second access network, comprising an input output unit ~~(IOU2)~~ for sending and receiving messages, whereby the input output unit ~~(IOU2)~~ is adopted to receive an indication of a request for transferring at least one user equipment from said first access network to said second access network, the device comprising:

        a processing unit ~~(PU2)~~,  
        a storage ~~(STO2)~~, whereby the storage ~~(STO2)~~ is adapted to store transfer permission parameter value associated to user equipment, and

a determining unit (~~DU2~~) for determining<sub>1</sub> based on a transfer permission parameter value associated to a user equipment<sub>1</sub> whether a transmission of the user equipment is permitted, whereby the processing unit (~~PU2~~) is adapted to control the other units, ~~characterised by~~

a logical unit (~~LU2~~) is adapted to determine<sub>1</sub> based on the transfer permission parameter value associated to a user equipment<sub>1</sub> whether the user equipment belongs to a group of user equipment for which a preferred access network has been defined.

8. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to claim 7, wherein the logical unit determines whether a user equipment belongs to said group by means of analysing a transfer permission parameter value associated to the user equipment.

9. (Currently Amended) A database ~~Database~~ for storing subscriber related data containing  
an input/output unit for sending and receiving messages,  
a processing unit for controlling the database and  
a storage for storing subscriber related data, ~~characterised by that~~ the storage is being adapted to store information if whether a user equipment used by a subscriber belongs to a group of user equipment, for which a preferred access network has been defined, the information being a transfer permission parameter value associated to the user equipment.

10. (Currently Amended) A network ~~Network~~ node for performing a subscriber identification analysis, ~~characterised by that~~ the network node comprising ~~comprises~~ electronic circuitry for determining<sub>1</sub> based on a transfer permission parameter value associated to a user equipment<sub>1</sub> whether a user equipment belongs to a group of user equipment, for which a preferred access network has been defined.